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[1](#)B. MANAMA 765

Classified By: CDA Christopher Henzel for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

[1](#)1. (C) With the Foreign Minister in Muscat, CDA made reftel demarche December 30 to MFA Under Secretary Abdulaziz bin Mubarak Al Khalifah, and separately to ministerial aide Ambassador Saeed Al Faihani.

[1](#)2. (C) Both officials agreed to brief the FM on U.S. concerns. Both expressed doubt that the Arab League summit would convene in Doha January 2 as announced.

[1](#)3. (C) Shaikh Abdulaziz worried that the conflict would weaken moderate Arab governments. He also commented that the Bahraini proposal for a new regional organization (ref B) that included Israel was now likely to go nowhere.

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